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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the subtitle and paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, with the following amended subtitle and paragraph:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION APPLICATIONS

This application comprises a continuation of copending

Application Serial No. 10/336,487, filed 01/06/2003, which is a

divisional of Application Serial No. 09/842,029, filed

04/26/2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,540,528.

Copending and coassigned U. S. Patent Application Serial No. (TUC920010002) 09/842,030 filed on even date herewith April 26, 2001, relates to alternative media devices mounted in portable data storage type cartridges, and a transfer station for providing data transfer with respect to such portable data storage cartridges.